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Addendum

## IV. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

### D. Evaluation (continued)

### Human rights

1. At its 4th through 6th meetings, held on 10 and 11 May 1993, the Committee considered the follow-up evaluation on the human rights programme (E/AC.51/1993/5).

### Discussion

2. A number of delegations felt that the report met the requirements set for it. A number of delegations regretted that the database on human rights and the task force on inter-agency coordination, recommended by the in-depth evaluation, had not yet been established. A number of delegations stated that this database on human rights source material would be guided by the principles of indivisibility of all human rights, including civil, political, economic, social and cultural rights. A number of delegations also stressed that the data collection should be carried out in an objective, impartial and non-selective manner. A number of delegations also stated that there should be evaluation of sources and verification of data with the countries concerned. A number of delegations felt that requests for specific funds for the human rights database should be included in the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1994-1995.

A number of delegations expressed concern about the financial constraints faced by the Centre, and noted that the demands on the United Nations in this area had increased greatly in recent years. They considered that the human rights programme should be ensured resources adequate to carry out its programme of work. A number of delegations recommended that the increased resource requirements for the Centre should also be considered in the framework of the implementation of resolution 47/213. A number of delegations expressed concern at the lack of resources devoted to subprogramme 2, on the Elimination and prevention of discrimination and protection of minorities and vulnerable groups, and considered that this work should be strengthened. A number of delegations also called for increased staff and resources to deal with the problem of the new emerging kinds of racial discrimination and xenophobia. A number of delegations underlined the need for the provision of improved support and assistance by the Centre to the Rapporteurs and experts in their carrying out of assignments. A number of delegations expressed concerns with the number of different procedures for the treatment of human rights violations and expressed the wish that these procedures be simplified and less numerous. A number of delegations welcomed the collaboration between UNDP and the Centre to explore further linkages between human rights and development. A number of delegations stressed that there should be no human rights conditionality in development cooperation.

## Conclusions and recommendations

3. The Committee endorsed the recommendations contained in paragraphs 69, 71, 72, 73 and 74. The Committee took note of the recommendation contained in paragraph 70.

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